

# Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

# THE CURRENT

February 2024



Now is when we make plans and set goals for the year. We have a “central focus” from our Master Plan. We continue working to identify to what extent we can accomplish those goals and what additional opportunities we can find. FPRF must balance our needs and wants while being flexible enough to react to any potential opportunities.

Think of it as Looking forward but occasionally checking behind. Input from our members is always welcome. We don’t know everything and would appreciate it if people let us know of an improvement that would benefit the boating community. I want to remind all of you to let your County Board Members know of your interest in boating and that you support recreational activities in Stephenson County. The same applies to the City Council. Budgets are tight, and we like to do our part to help develop and assist in building recreational opportunities. “Pedal, Paddle, and Hike!” could be Stephenson County’s new motto!

Share your thoughts and suggestions! We need to hear from you! We need some able-bodied workers.

Joe Ginger, president

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Feb. 8	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
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Mar. 14	Next meeting.
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Apr. 11	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. See “ALL IN. Stephenson County” for area events.
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Mar. 2nd	Friends of NRA Banquet Eagle’s Club 815-541-1662
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<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il-freeport/events/>

## Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County

<https://greaterfreeport.com>



Watch Tom Lindblade’s “Illinois’ Friendliest Paddle”  
<http://bit.ly/paddlethepec>



Freeport Park District  
1122 S. Burchard Ave.  
Freeport, IL 61032  
1-815-235-6114

[www.freeportparkdistrict.org](http://www.freeportparkdistrict.org)

Lena Community Park District  
609 N. Schuler St.  
Lena, IL 61048  
1-815-369-5351

[www.lenaparks.org](http://www.lenaparks.org)



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[www.pecriver.org/projects](http://www.pecriver.org/projects)

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*Available at: Convention & Visitors Bureau, 9 East and through the mail.*

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Looking west on Stephenson Street, from Chicago Ave, 1914. The trees are at the court house. Van Buren is the cross street. All of the bulidings at this intersection are gone. It would be interesting to go to the History Room in the Freeport Public Library and look at the City Directory for the names of the businesses on Stephenson Street for 1914.

If you are interested in improving river stewardship, promoting paddling, organizing river events, the history of the Pecatonica River and communities along the river, check our website and contact us.

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Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.  
Dues are due in February. If you joined in July or later, you are good for 2024.  
All donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to:  
Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation.

